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<p>Applicant requests review of the final rejection in the above-identified application. No amendments are being filed with this request.</p> <p>This request is being filed with a notice of appeal.</p> <p>The review is requested for the reason(s) stated on the attached sheet(s). Note: No more than five (5) pages may be provided.</p> <p>I am the</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> applicant/inventor.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.7.1, Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent of record. Registration number <u>33,742</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent acting under 37 CFR 1.34. Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34 _____</p> <p>NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below*.</p>			

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REMARKS IN SUPPORT OF PRE-APPEAL BRIEF REQUEST FOR REVIEW

Applicants submit that the current and preceding office actions issued by the Examiner in the present application contain clear errors in the Examiner's rejections as well as omissions of one or more essential elements needed for a *prima facie* rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and/or 35 U.S.C. § 103.

The present invention is related to detachable portal pages in a portal environment or web page that can be detached and reattached. A placeholder is formed in the portal environment for each detached portal page. Each placeholder is formed in response to the associated portal page being detached. Each placeholder is substantially smaller than the associated portal page to permit a plurality of portal pages to be presented via their respective placeholders to a user at the same time in the portal environment.

Claims 1-3, 6-7, 9-11, 13-15, 19-22, 25-28, 31-35, 38-42, and 46 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Qian et al. (U.S. Patent Pub. No: 2003/0145275; hereinafter Qian) in view of Shahrabaki (U.S. Patent Pub. No: 2004/0113948; hereinafter Shahrabaki) and in further view of Griffin (U.S. Patent Pub. No: 2003/0126558). Claims 1-12, 16, 23, 29, and 32-46 were cancelled either in an

Amendment After Final Action filed January 14, 2008 or in an earlier filed amendment. Accordingly, claims 13-15, 17-22, 24-28, and 30-31 remain pending in the present application.

Independent claim 13 recites:

“forming a placeholder in the portal environment for each detached portal page when detached, wherein the placeholder is formed in response to the portal page being detached and wherein the placeholder is substantially smaller than the portal page to permit a plurality of portal pages and at least one portlet contained within each portal page to be presented via their respective placeholders to a user at the same time.”

On page 3, of the Final Office Action dated as mailed 10/15/2007, the Examiner admits that Qian and Shahrabaki do not teach these features of independent claim 13. Griffin was cited in the Office Action for teaching the deficiencies of Qian and Shahrabaki. Specifically paragraphs [0017] and [0028] of Griffin were cited in the Office Action. Griffin in paragraph [0014] beginning at line 10 and referring to Figure 1, recites:

“Portal page selection tabs 100-104 can each be selected by a user to render a different page within the portal. Portal pages can be thought of as panels or panes that are swapped into and out of a display region of the available portal real estate. If the ‘stocks’ tab 100 were selected, for example, the corresponding portal page would be rendered.”

Griffin in paragraph [0017] recites:

“[0017] In one embodiment, a portal page such as in FIG. 1 can be described with a layout (hereinafter referred to as a ‘template’). A template can specify the location of elements on a portal page. A template can include one or more placeholders which define regions of the template wherein a portlet can render itself, or wherein other static or dynamic content can be rendered. A given placeholder can host more than one portlet. In such a case, the template area occupied by the placeholder could be shared amongst the portlets in a number of ways, including but not limited to stacking portlets on top of one another (not shown). In another embodiment, a template can be implemented as a Hypertext Markup Language (HTML) table and created with conventional HTML editors. Each cell in such a table can represent a placeholder. Placeholders can be dynamically bound to portlet GUI’s during

portal page rendering.” (Emphasis added)

And paragraph [0028] of Griffin recites in pertinent part:

“[0028] As part of retrieving the template, portal manager 306 binds portlets to template placeholders...”
(Emphasis added)

Accordingly, it is clear from Griffin that the placeholders represent portlets or define regions in the template or portal page where a portlet can render itself or other static or dynamic content can be rendered in the portal page. Clearly, the placeholders do not represent the portal page itself, but merely areas or regions in the template or portal page (portion of paragraph [0014] recited above) where content can be rendered. Applicant respectfully submits that Griffin does not teach or suggest forming a placeholder in the portal environment for each detached portal page when detached. Griffin also does not teach or suggest that the placeholder is substantially smaller than the portal page to permit a plurality of portal pages to be presented via their respective placeholders to a user at the same time as provided by the embodiment of the present invention recited in claim 13.

Furthermore, as clearly indicated in paragraph [0014] of Griffin as recited above, Griffin teaches that the portal pages can be thought of panels or panes that are swapped into and out of the display region of the available portal real estate by using portal page selection tabs 100-104 as clearly shown in Figure 1 of Griffin. This further emphasizes that Griffin does not teach or suggest forming a placeholder in the environment for each detached portal page to permit a plurality of portal pages to be presented via their respective placeholders to a user at the same time. In contrast, Griffin teaches that the respective portal pages are displayed in the available portal real estate by selection of the corresponding tab for each portal page.

For all of these reasons, independent claim 13 is respectfully submitted to be patentably distinguishable over Qian, Shahrabaki and Griffin, whether considered individually or combined, and reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 103 rejection of independent claim 13 is respectfully requested.

Independent claims 21 and 26 recite similar features to independent claim 13. Therefore, independent claims 21 and 26 are respectfully submitted to be patentably

distinguishable over Qian, Shahrbabaki, and Griffin for the same reasons as discussed with respect to independent claim 13. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Section 103 rejection of independent claims 21 and 26 is, therefore, respectfully solicited.

Regarding claims 14-15, 19-20, 22, 25, 27-28, and 31 as being unpatentable over Qian in view of Shahrbabaki and in further view of Griffin, claims 14-15, and 19-20 depend directly from independent claim 13; claims 22 and 25 depend directly from independent claim 21; claims 27-28 and 31 depend directly from independent claim 26. As a result of these dependencies, these dependent claims include all of the features of the referenced independent claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that these claims are also patentably distinguishable over Qian, Shahrbabaki and Griffin for the same reasons as discussed with respect to independent claims 13, 21 and 26. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Section 103 rejection of these claims is respectfully solicited.

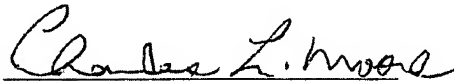
Claims 17, 18, 24, and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Qian, Shahrbabaki and Griffin and in further view of Becker et al. (U.S. Patent 6,981,223). Claim 17 depends directly from independent claim 13 and claim 18 depends from claim 17. Claim 24 depends directly from independent claim 21, and claim 30 depends directly from independent claim 26. Becker was cited for teaching a multiple messaging window management system wherein the main window comprises a reattach feature in the form of DOCK OPTION 1204 in Figure 13 of Becker to reattach (DOCK in Becker) the detached portal page (Window Pane in Becker) to the portal environment (Window Environment in Becker). Applicant respectfully submits that Becker adds nothing to the teachings of Qian, Shahrbabaki, and Griffin so as to render independent claims 13, 21 and 26 unpatentable. Therefore, claims 17, 18, 24, and 30 are respectfully submitted to be patentably distinguishable over the cited documents for the same reasons as discussed with respect to independent claims 13, 21 and 26. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Section 103 rejection of claims 17, 18, 24 and 30 is respectfully requested.

As the Examiner's rejections have been shown to be in clear error and lack essential elements of a *prima facie* obviousness rejection, Applicants respectfully request that the claims of the present application be allowed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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